

## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT or CIP Application)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed above) or an original, first and joint inventor along with those listed above (if plural names are listed above) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: LAPAROSCOPIC ACCESS PORT FOR SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS OR  
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the specification of which: (Complete (a), (b) or (c) for type of application)

## REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.
- (b) X was filed on October 7, 1994 as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

## PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL STAGE

- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ was described and claimed in International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to the above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

X In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement.  
37 CFR 1.97.

# PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

[Complete (d) or (e)]

(d) X no such applications have been filed.

(e)      such applications have been filed as follows.

## EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION

Country	Application No.	Date of filing (day, month, year)	Date of issue (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed
				<u>    </u> YES NO <u>    </u>
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## ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION


# CONTINUATION-IN-PART

(Complete this part only if this is a continuation-in-part application)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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